Assassination update

Since Miami Magazine's September story on the assassination of President Kennedy which contained incredibly accurate predictions by rightwing political organizer Joseph Milteer, the new House Select Committee on Assassinations has impounded the home and private papers of the now dead agitator.

In our story, which centered on a Nov. 9, 1963 conversation tape-recorded by Miami Police at a downtown hotel, we uncovered new evidence and raised new questions concerning the possible existence of a rightwing conspiracy to murder the President. The story contained the first published photograph of Milteer.

Since then, we have located another photograph, taken in Dealey Plaza in Dallas just seconds before the first shot was fired at Kennedy, which shows a man strongly resembling Milteer just a few feet from Kennedy's limousine.

To try to determine if the man indeed was Milteer, Miami Magazine contacted Robert J. Groden, a nationally known photoanalyst and author of *JFK: The Case For Conspiracy*. After making a detailed study of the photo and several enlargements, Groden concluded that there was "a 70 per cent probability that it's him (Milteer)." Groden drew the conclusion, he said, because facial features—chin, jowls, lips—of the man in Dealey Plaza were identical to Milteer's; each wore glasses with the same kind of frames; and the protruding shock of hair (barely visible in the Dallas photo) was the same.

Is man with arms folded Joseph Milteer?

If this mysterious lookalike is actually Milteer, it strains credibility to suggest that this man, who only 13 days before had predicted the murder, could have been at the scene of the crime and not have been involved in some way.

Besides the strong resemblance to the man in the Dallas photo, there is another reason to believe Milteer was in Dallas on Nov. 22. We recently learned that in 1968 Willie Somersett, the Miami police-FBI informant who conversed with Milteer on the Nov. 9 tape, told New Orleans District Attorney Jim Garrison's office that Milteer had called him from Dallas at 10:30 a.m. on Nov. 22, 1963. Milteer reportedly told Somersett that Kennedy would be in Dallas that day and probably never would return to Miami.

—Dan Christensen

Blowup of Dallas photo

Joseph Milteer

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Unimpressive

Editor and Publisher Magazine reported that 62 per cent of the daily newspapers responding to its poll endorsed President Ford. They represented 62 per cent of the reporting circulation. Twelve per cent of the dailies reporting, with 26 per cent of the circulation, supported Gov. Jimmy Carter.

This proves little because newspaper endorsements float all over the scale of philosophies and hunches. What may shake you up is the awareness of short memory on the part of the press of this country. By and large it dragged its collective feet while a few in the vanguard went after Watergate. By and large, it is immune to new ideas, people or movements until, awake too late to lead, it submerges with